



# **Mid America Trails & Greenways Conference**

**Reaching Out / Working with Elected Officials**

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# Mary Meachum URR Site Dedication



St. Louis Mayor, Francis Slay, and Trail Ranger, Anthony Nichols, at Mary Meachum Underground Railroad Site dedication Nov. 2001

# “State may buy more Chouteau land”

Granite City Press Record Journal, 9/1/02



Brent Manning (IDNR)  
& Gov. George Ryan

- IL Gov. George Ryan visits Chouteau Island and the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge in Aug, 2002
- “press release issued by Ryan’s office said the state was attempting to purchase another 500 acres in the area, and Ryan confirmed”
- Ryan stated, “It’s a beautiful area and it ought to be preserved.”

## Confluence Project Budget

	Fed	State MO	State IL	Regional MO	Regional IL	Private	TOTAL
<b>Acquisition</b>							
Chouteau Island	3.00		1.70		1.25	1.00	6.95
Columbia Bottom expansion				10.00			8.80
Confluence State Park	1.00			1.40			2.40
Floodplain conservation				3.00			3.00
GRRC	1.00			4.00		1.50	6.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>5.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1.70</b>	<b>18.40</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>27.65</b>
<b>Habitat Restoration</b>							
Chouteau	10.60						10.60
Riparian habitat		4.10		4.30			8.40
Wetland Restoration (GRRC)	0.10			2.20			2.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.70</b>	<b>4.10</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>6.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>21.30</b>
<b>Parks and Trails</b>							
Chouteau	10.50		2.00			2.50	15.50
Columbia Bottom Connector		0.70		1.00			1.70
Confluence Bikeway Extension			1.20		0.40		1.60
<i>Confluence State Park *</i>				1.60			
Eads Bridge	1.00					1.00	2.00
ESL Heritage Trail Loop			0.60				0.60
Hartford Bikeway			1.00				1.00
KATY connectdion		1.20					1.20
McKinley Bridge			2.20		0.75		3.00
MetroBikeLink	3.70				3.00		3.70
Metro-East Levee Connector			0.50		0.30		0.80
Mounds Trail	0.30		0.20		0.13		0.50
N. Riverfront Park				2.00			1.90
Old Chain of Rocks Bridge	4.00				0.50	2.50	7.00
Riverfront Trail Enhancements	4.00	0.90		1.00		2.00	7.90
Schoolhouse Connector	3.00		1.20		1.80		6.00
Water Taxi	1.50						1.50
West Alton/Portage				0.50			0.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.00</b>	<b>2.80</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>6.10</b>	<b>6.88</b>	<b>8.00</b>	<b>56.50</b>
<b>Visitor Centers</b>							
GRRC		2.00				14.00	16.00
Laclede Power	1.00					3.60	4.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>17.60</b>	<b>20.60</b>
<b>SOURCES TOTAL</b>	<b>44.70</b>	<b>8.90</b>	<b>10.60</b>	<b>31.00</b>	<b>8.13</b>	<b>28.10</b>	<b>126.05</b>

# **“Parade and rally planned during next Chouteau Island meeting”**

**Granite City Press Record Journal, 9/15/02**



- “ATV owners rev up support for active recreation use”
- “A Sept. 21 planning meeting on Chouteau Island could turn into a showdown pitting ATV users against environmentalists wanting to keep them off the island.”

Chouteau Island Public Meeting  
9/21/02



# MetroBikeLink Opening



U.S. Congressman from IL, Jerry Costello, speaks at  
MetroBikeLink Opening Ceremony 10/22/01

# Old Chain of Rocks Bridge Opening



U.S. Congressman from MO, Kit Bond, speaks at  
Old Chain of Rocks Bridge Opening Ceremony June 1999



# KATY Trail Opening



Missouri Gov. John Ashcroft cuts the ribbon at  
KATY Trail Opening